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SUBJECT: WORLD THEATRE FESTIVAL (WTF)

1. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EMBASSY TODAY, THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AGAIN EXPRESSED ITS STRONG INTEREST IN HAVING A POLISH THEATRE GROUP PARTICIPATE IN THIS FESTIVAL IN 1976. ACCORDING TO EARLIER INFORMATION, WTF ORGANIZER COHEN WAS AT LEAST TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO POLAND SOMETIME IN JANUARY.

2. THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE TODAY INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POLISH ARTISTIC AGENCY (PAGART) TO NEW YORK AT ANY TIME TO ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE POLISH PARTICIPATION IN THE WTF.

3. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT AGAIN CONTACT COHEN TO TELL HIM OF THE ACTIVE INTEREST IN POLAND IN HIS VISIT, AT THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND AMONG THOSE THEATRE GROUPS HE HAS ALREADY CONTACTED REGARDING THE WTF. COULD THE DEPARTMENT PLEASE ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT HE INTENDS TO VISIT POLAND THIS MONTH OR IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

4. IN THE EVENT THAT COHEN HAS NO CONCRETE PLANS FOR POLISH PARTICIPATION IN THE WTF, THEN THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT RAISE THIS MATTER WITH THE RELEVANT ARBA OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON. COHEN ORIGINALLY INDICATED IN LETTERS TO POLISH THEATRE GROUPS THAT HE WOULD BE VISITING POLAND IN THIS CONNECTION DURING THE SUMMER OF 1974. ANY POLISH
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THEATRE SELECTED FOR PARTICIPATION WOULD NEED TIME TO

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PREPARE ITS PRESENTATION AND THE SCHEDULES FOR 1976 ARE
PRESENTLY BEING WORKED OUT. ADVISE.
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